

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application. Claims 1-30 are pending.

### 35 U.S.C. §121 Election/Restrictions

The Patent Office has issued a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 22-30, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 734
- II. Claims 11-21, drawn to a method for making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 411

In response to the restriction, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of **Group I** (claims 1-10 and 22-30) in this application.

The Examiner has further found that Group I contains claims of patently distinct species of the invention:

- Embodiment 1: Claims 1-10
- Embodiment 2: Claims 22-30

In response to the restriction, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of **Embodiment 1** (claims 1-10).

Applicant makes the above elections without prejudice to the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in other patent applications.

### **Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

### **Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) for such an extension.

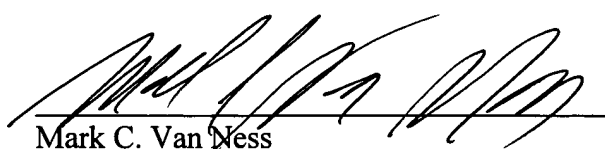
### **Charge our Deposit Account**

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Respectfully submitted,

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